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PASS AID FOR GUATEMALA TASK FORCE

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SUBJECT: EC EMERGENCY AID TO GUATEMALA

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1359

1. THE SECRETARIAT OF THE EC COUNCIL HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING
PRESS RELEASE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DECISION
TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING FEB. 9: BEGIN TEXT:
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POSITION ON THE GUATEMALAN DISASTER
ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 9 FEBRUARY 1976,
THE COMMUNITY AUTHORITIES,ACTING ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE IN-
FORMATION,HAVE ASSESSED THE NEEDS OF THE INHABITANTS AFFECTED
AND HAVE COORDINATED THE FIRST EMERGENCY AID
DECIDED ON BY THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES.

LEAVING ASIDE AID FROM PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS,AID
FROM THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES WORTH MORE
THAN US DOLS 1.5 MILLION HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT OR IS ON ITS
WAY. PART OF THIS TOTAL,APPROXIMATELY DOLS 500,000,
HAS BEEN SUPPLIED IN CASH TO BE SPENT ON PURCHASES
EITHER IN GUATEMALA OR IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

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THE COMMUNITY IS CONTRIBUTING DOLS 250,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE

FROM ITS OWN BUDGET. THE OTHER PART IS BEING SUPPLIED IN KIND,
IN THE FORM OF VARIOUS TYPES OF PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT,SUCH AS:
TENTS,CAMP BEDS,BLANKETS,CLOTHING,MEDICINAL SUPPLIES, SURGICAL
INSTRUMENTS,FOODSTUFFS (MAINLY 1,600 TONS OF MAIZE AND 600 TONS
OF BEANS WHICH ARE ALREADY STORED IN CENTRAL AMERICA).

THE GOOD ARE BEING FREIGHTED INA NUMBER OF
PLANES,ONE OF WHICH WILL REMAIN AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE
AUTHORITIES IN GUATEMALA FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME.
DOCTORS HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT. THIS AID,PART OF WHICH IS BEING
CHANNELLED THROUGH MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS (RED CROSS,UNDRO,
ETC...), REPRESENTS ONLY AN INITIAL EFFORT AND A DECISION TO
STEP IT UP MAY WELL BE TAKEN IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT FEW DAYS,
DEPENDING ON HOW THE SITUATION DEVELOPS. END TEXT.
AID TASK FORCE PASS GUATEMALA CITY IF APPROPRIATE.
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